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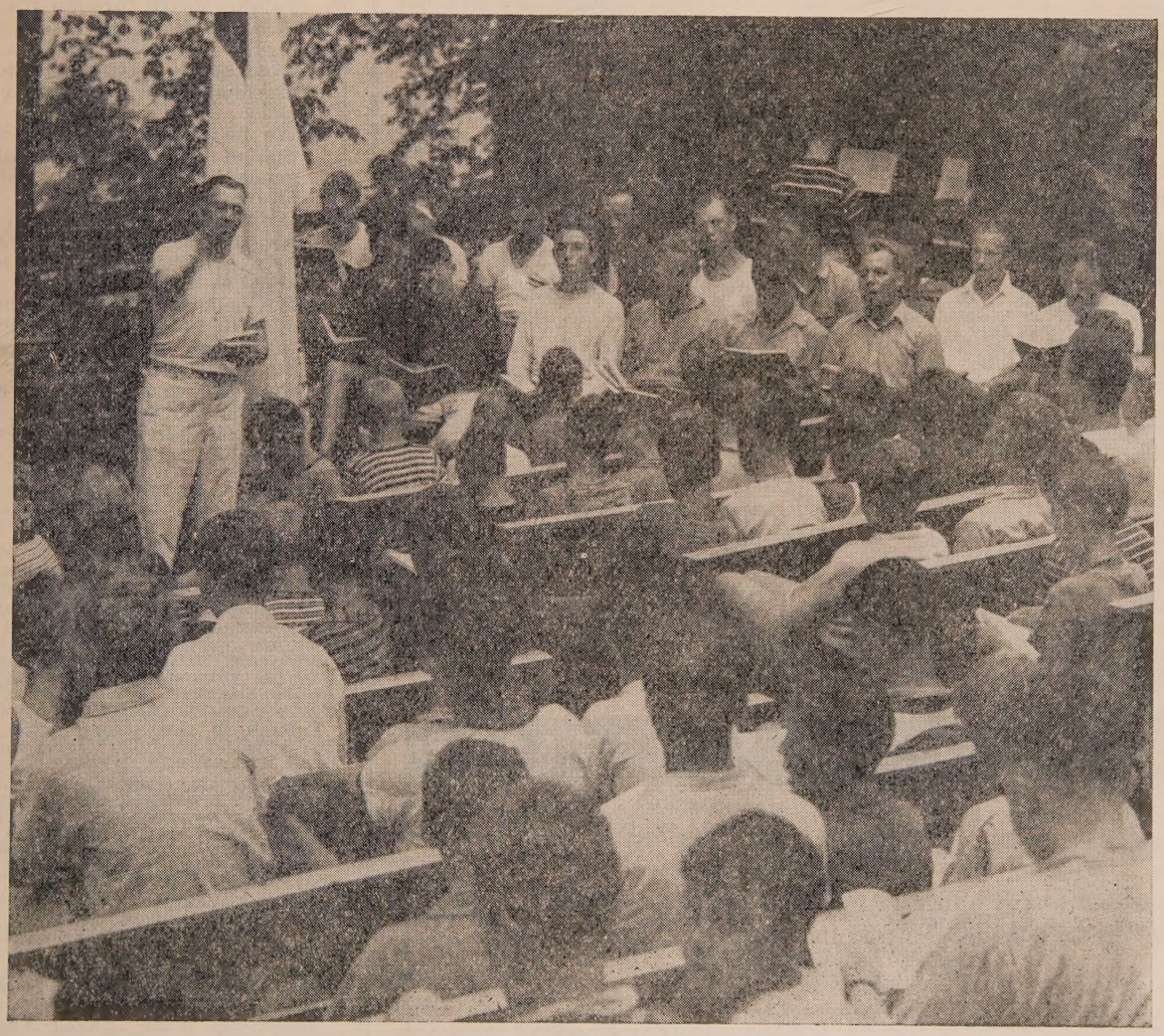

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Readers Say—

Solving Africa's Problems

To the Editor:

I appreciate the discerning article, "Winning a Changing Africa to Christ" by Clyde W. Taylor in your issue of June 1. He winnows well the wheat from the chaff in a part of the world where Christian missions are under severe test. When two cultural worlds meet, so greatly different each from the other, they must be reconciled first at their roots where Christ can bring them together.

Having visited some missions in Kenya, East Africa, I feel that Christian missions can bring the spiritual unity which all other bodies or agencies cannot accomplish. Granted the importance of political and economic policies on the changing cultures of Africa, the basic problems are spiritual and yield finally to spiritual efforts. The preaching, teaching and application of the Gospel of Christ can solve these problems—from the depths upwards, serving as a corrective to political, economic and cultural maladjustments.

One's mind is drawn again to II Cor. 5:17-21.

ERROL T. ELLIOTT

Richmond, Ind.

English Is Editor

To the Editor:

In your recent news story concerning the literary conference at Wheaton College, your correspondent alludes to Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein as "editor of *Our Hope*." Dr. E. Schuyler English is editor of this fine biblical magazine, is he not?

W. T. L.

Canadensis, Pa.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: W. T. L. is correct. Dr. Gaebelein is the Publisher of *Our Hope*.]

"Temperance Advanced"

To the Editor:

While it is disappointing to us that the Methodist General Conference voted to discontinue *The Voice* (*Action*, July 1), I think that temperance gained other distinct advantages that will enable the Board of Temperance to serve the cause with greater effectiveness.

The delegates were in a mood to consolidate all agency publications into a journal of classified information and promotional materials.

Our editorial staff will participate creatively in the two other publications which have been authorized, i.e., one for pastors and the other for family groups. It is felt that our contribution to these new journals will reach millions of readers whereas the circulation of *The Voice* was more limited. I assure you that we will be taking full advantage of these new opportunities.

That the Methodist Church will not "countenance social drinking" is positively assured by the overwhelming endorsement which the delegates gave to our program of Commitment to total abstinence. In many other pieces of legislation there were unmistakable evidences of determination, while committing our people to total abstinence, to intensify our efforts to annihilate the liquor traffic.

Your continued prayers and evangelical concern will greatly strengthen the purposes of our people to find solutions for the problems in which we are mutually involved.

CARADINE R. HOOTON

Washington, D. C.

Radio and Religion

To the Editor:

Count me out of your organization. I concur with the Presbyterian Church U. S., that broadcasting time should be offered *free* by radio and television stations. This attempt to receive pay reminds me of I Tim. 6:10. Read it and consider!

ALFRED GRAHAM TAYLOR

Greenville. S. C.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: We are not opposed to the granting of "sustaining" or "free" time for religious broadcasting. The more the better! Neither do we believe that evangelicals should be barred from purchasing time, when beer, wine and tobacco are granted the privilege.]

Win Bradfordsville Case

To the Editor:

You will be glad to know that the Bradfordsville, Kentucky public school case, which you have fully covered in your news columns, has been decided in our favor by the Court of Appeals.

It was a long grueling battle but the final result vindicates our faith. Lovers of freedom everywhere will take new courage. After two previous setbacks in the Kentucky courts, the Court of Appeals has unanimously sustained every one of our allegations. Great is the rejoicing of the prime mover in this effort, Dr. James Rawlings.

The court ordered the Marion County School Board to:

1. Stop violating the state law that forbids books and literature of the Roman Catholic Church to be distributed in the common schools.
2. Stop keeping sectarian periodicals in and about the libraries of the county schools.
3. Stop spending public school funds for religious or sectarian purposes.
4. Stop the practice of halting school-bus runs on Catholic religious holidays that are not also legal state or national holidays.

The court of appeals summed up its view of the Bradfordsville controversy in these words:

"It seems to us that the entire County system of schools should be reorganized so as to produce substantial equality of the several sections of the county and to abolish sectarianism in all parts thereof."

H. M.

Frankfort, Ky.

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3. **We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.**
4. **We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.**
5. **We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.**
6. **We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.**
7. **We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Juvenile Delinquency Its Cause and Cure

OLAV EIKLAND

FOR three centuries church steeples have dominated the skyline of our American cities, their bells calling young and old to divine worship. Between them homes were built in which God's law was honored, life, property, and virtues respected in the fear of God.

Now, in the shadow of these old landmarks of our Christian heritage, a growing army of teen-agers is on the move looking with disrespect on those sacred edificies and what they stand for. Youthful gangs opposed to one another in armed conflict remind us of bygone days when wild Indians roamed around on their tribal warpath. Recently, in New York City, three hundred members of the Hornets, Saxons and the Dukes gangs merged into one big mob to battle older gangs—the Navajos and the Gold Guineas. In one encounter an innocent student, William Blankenship, Jr., 15, was killed. These gangs not only defy, but often insult and attack the police.

Officials of the law in our great cities are harassed by these youth-mobs while police chiefs and judges discuss what to do with the arrested teen-agers over-flowing our prisons. So serious has the situation become that New York's Police Commissioner, Francis Adams, recently took to the radio asking the public to cooperate to stem the rising tide of delinquency inundating the world's greatest city. It was indeed a dark picture the Commissioner presented in that radio broadcast as he revealed the harvest of iniquity his police force gathers in a twenty-four hour period. I quote from the New York papers reporting his speech: "Before this hot August Sunday is over one of us will die as the result of criminal negligence. Twenty-seven of our people will have been feloniously assaulted. Three women will have been raped. One hundred and forty of our homes and businesses will have been burglarized. Forty of us will have our cars stolen. Thirty-one of us will have been held up and robbed

on the streets of the city. Sixty-nine larcenies will have been committed and fifteen other miscellaneous felonies." Most of these crimes are perpetrated by teen-agers.

What are the underlying causes of juvenile delinquency and the increase of crime in our country? Evidently it is the eruption into our civilized land of that "heathen rage" foreseen by the Psalmist in prophetic vision and now beginning to be fulfilled in all parts of the world, even in countries hitherto ruled by laws of a Christian civilization. It is a demonstration of the Satan-inspired mobilization of unregenerate men raising themselves against the Lord and His anointed saying: "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast their cords from us" (Psalm 2:3).

If we carefully study the present day phenomenon of juvenile delinquents bent on deeds of evil, we shall find that the motive of their criminal deeds is a desire to extricate themselves from those "bands" and "cords" which have kept our American people together in a so-called Christian civilization, recognizing the Mosaic decalogue as the fundamental moral law of our land.

The tenfold band of God's commandments, knotted into the one great commandment: "Love thy God . . . and thy neighbor!" has been scrapped for a devilish code with the "nots" left out and with the brutal force of hate as the governing law of life.

What a glomeration of gods have crept into this new decalogue of perversion worshipped by great hosts of Americans, young and old—the gods of brute force, pride, vanity and greed. And let us not forget to mention that powerful goddess called Sex, exhibited on screen and billboard, in books and magazines, in sport and art.

Another band which has been broken by revolutionary youth is that of parental authority. If the home ties of parental guidances be torn to pieces, what is to hinder slashing the cords which hold together our schools, our communities and the other basic institutions of our society?

Respect for human life is an innate law closely associated with the God concept of a Creator to whom men belong as creature and in whose image they are created. When belief in God fades from man's heart the value estimate of his fellowman is depreciated. Homicide becomes rampant. Where the law of obedience to parents be broken, the law "thou shalt not kill" is easier to break resulting all too often in fratricide or matricide.

Where the barrier of chastity is broken human passion becomes "unstable as water," as the old patriarch Jacob said. Moral purity and fidelity is the rock foundation upon which the home must be built. Where that rock is lacking the home has only a sand foundation through which the water of carnal life seeps to undermine its stability. Premarital sex relations and trial marriages are undercurrents in our present day domestic life revealing dangerous trend. A great sector of married life in America today is built on a floating island of marital instability.

Respect for our neighbor's property has been the cornerstone of human economy since God created man upon this earth. As the pillar of homelife keeps human society together, so the individual rights to justly-earned and acquired property is the cornerstone of economic stability. Whether, there-

fore, a man steals his neighbor's property openly or in secret, or a Communist dictator does it wholesale in a country where he rules, he is transgressing God's law "Thou shalt not steal!"

The cords of truth and honesty as essential to stable relations between individuals, communities and nations in the world have been recognized, at least in all the Western nations on our globe. But in this last century this cord, although seemingly intact, is rotting at the core because of religious casuistry, Communist-inspired dialecticism, and democratic expediency. These corroding influences are weakening all the other cords binding individuals and communities together in homes, unions, parties or clubs, making man an actor on a stage, not a responsible person facing the realities of life on firmly established principles.

The "root of evil" (1 Timothy 5:10) and the basic cause of much commandment breaking, is covetousness. The tenth rule of the decalogue of God has been turned upside down and made the first commandment in the law promulgated by the Prince of this World. This mammon worship tempts men to be Sabbath breakers, to illegally acquire property, to barter character and reputation, and to wage world wars.

Is it strange that delinquency is rampant in our land when binding cords of godliness and respect for one's fellowmen have been discarded. In what school of learning have these potential criminals been educated?

Visual education has been employed by the editors of crime comics. TV and movie actors provide antichristian, criminal and immoral dramas. Through the eyegate our youth learn to sneer at our Christian civilization and to use the implements of destruction which result in juvenile delinquency. Dr. F. Wertham writing in *Reader's Digest* on "Blueprints for Delinquency" says: "If one were to set out to show children how to lie, assault, and break into houses, no better blueprints than the comics could be devised." Juvenile vandalism and sadistic joy in seeing other people suffer, having their property damaged or destroyed, can be traced to the visual education of crime comics and television. An eleven year-old Chicago boy set a tenement house on fire which killed seven persons, injuring nine. When asked why he did it the boy answered: "I read a comic book called *The Human Torch.*"

A Brooklyn boy said to one of the missionaries in a rescue mission: "I look at television in the evening: during the night I have 'good' dreams and in the morning I feel like going out to kill somebody." This boy had actually attempted to hurt another boy with his knife.

Few Christians realize how effectively the ather of lies and hatred has educated his children. Even men of the world are getting their eyes open to the detrimental influence of satanic teachings upon children. Wrote Dr. Harry Overstreet, author of the book *Mind Alive*: "Tenderness is fundamental to life and one of life's basic psychological needs. With crime and horror comics something has entered American life which is flouting the spirit of tenderness."

The younger generation is not alone in its contamination with the spirit of hatred. This perversity is taking a fearful hold on older Americans also. Movie director Alfred Hitchcock informs us why documentary crime movies are increasing in popularity. According to a writer in a Brooklyn paper, "Hitchcock is fond of 'dial M' (murder) because every man has wanted to strangle his wife and every wife to poison her husband. Murder mysteries give us a certain vicarious satisfaction that makes us better able to suffer the slings and arrows of everyday living." If such perverted sentiments be prevalent among parents is it not fair to assume that their children's delinquency is a national exhibition of their patrimonial heritage? In diagnosing the social ills afflicting children and young people today, let us not, therefore, put the whole blame on the young generation but censure first of all those who are responsible for bringing them into the world and for their orientation and vocation in this world.

Then take a look back upon the world in which the present day teen-agers and children are born. World-wide economic depression prevailed. Families found themselves uprooted from country to city, or from their homes to rented quarters; many were obliged to find refuge with relatives. Parents without work, or fearing to lose their jobs, were reluctant to bring an added member to their cramped living quarters or to their dining table. In many cases the arrival of an addition to the family was unwelcome. Can we wonder that an unwanted child would react in violent protest against life and property? Moreover, where love is not bestowed on a child that soul will have a vacuum soon filled by a substitute sentiment—hatred. Sadism is the fullgrown fruit of hatred. Other teen-agers were reared in homes partially dissolved because of World War II. Fathers were far away at the front fighting, while mothers were occupied in defenseplants or other kinds of labor necessary for carrying on total war. Marching to school in the morning, to a supervised recreation center in the afternoon, they were picked up by a tired mother at dark and dragged to bed in a home that was more like a boarding house than a home. Children of such a generation are almost doomed to criminality.

Perversity in sex relations is a factor. A Minneapolis priest says: "The young American male is increasingly bewildered and confused by the aggressive, coarse, dominant attitude and behavior of his women. I believe it is one of the most serious social traits of our time—and that it is certain to have most serious social consequences." Possibly this tendency among young women is the negligence of the mother. She has been either so busy on her job in shop, factory or office, or so occupied in her activities in civic, club, or school or church organizations that she has neglected the training of her child. The little girl looks at her mother doing a man's job. She learns to follow in her mother's footsteps. To do so effectively she must smother her femininity. She begins to dress like a boy. The boy becomes her ideal—not as a husband at her side in homelife, but as a factor in the business and social world. Thus to sin against the law which God placed in the human heart brings retribution in the whole structure of human society. Many young people sense the abnormality of such a homelife. Tom Slinkard wrote in *Coronet* magazine in an article entitled "A Teen-ager Talks Back": "No neighborhood recreation center can replace the home. No psychiatrist can fill in for a parent. Investigating juvenile-delinquency problems is no substitute for a man-to-man or woman-to-woman talk between father and sons, mothers and daughters." When will the American mother learn that her first and foremost duty is the consecration of her whole life, and most of her time to the home? When will she open her eyes to the fact that her influence there is of much greater gain than the dollars she earns on her job, mostly for the purpose of satisfying her vanity in clothes, attaining independence from her husband, or enjoying a higher standard of living. And what of our "baby-sitting-aristocracy" which, according to a New York paper, is "a new ruling class in America"? The baby-sitter is necessary, but with too frequent visits to the home, she is likely to displace the

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Action EDITORIAL

JAMES DeFOREST MURCH, Editor

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Growing Super-Church

By a vote of 1,310 to 179 the Congregational-Christian Church agreed at Omaha, Nebraska last month to complete a merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church, forming a new United Church of Christ. The action is of special significance to Protestantism because it launches a movement for unity along lines originally proposed by Dr. E. Stanley Jones.

A by-product of the action at Omaha may well be a split in Congregationalism. It often happens that such mergers result in more denominations, rather than fewer. Just what form this new split will take we are unable to forecast at this time. The dissidents hold that the merger will encourage ecclesiastical bureaucracy and result in the loss of local church autonomy.

But we are primarily interested in the effects of the Omaha action upon the future of American Protestantism. Dr. Fred Hoskins, newly elected minister-at-large of the Church, sees the merger as a "demonstration of a new dimension of church unity" and as "offering a pattern of church unity which many other churches may well find acceptable."

This "pattern" is quite similar to that proposed by Dr. E. Stanley Jones as far back as 1947. For some years Dr. Jones promoted a national "Crusade for a United Church in America." His plan called for a federal union in which "we would fulfill the instinct and desire for union with the whole and at the same time the instinct for self-expression and local self-government." No denominational official need lose his job under such a plan but an over-all General Assembly would be entrusted with certain powers under a Constitution. Each denomination would surrender enough of its individual autonomy to give the hierarchy of the united church dignity and power.

Very little, if anything, was said about Christian doctrine. Christ was spoken of as the great unifying factor, but His person and nature were never defined. The Bible was by-passed and considered to be non-essential as a rule of faith and practice. Whatever of doctrine was involved was so innocuous that unitarians, liberals and fundamentalists could accept it and, like the proverbial lion and lamb, lie down together.

The "Jones plan" crystallized to the point where the Congregational-Christian Church and the Disciples of Christ joined in a call (1949) to all like-minded Protestant denominations to send official delegates to a Conference on Church Union at Greenwich, Conn. Here the preliminary blueprint for an "ecumenical church" was drawn up. (*The Growing Super-Church,* pp. 29-31). With more or less enthusiasm the exponents of the Coming Great Church have propagandized for this plan of unity ever since. The action of the Congregational-Christian Church at Omaha now represents the first significant official step toward the realization of the ecumenical dream.

We shall watch with more than ordinary interest the next move in this well-organized program.

A Well-Deserved Honor

During the recent college commencement season many evangelical leaders received well-deserved recognition in the awarding of honorary doctorates. We are especially pleased to note the granting of the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree to Rev. George L. Ford, the executive director of the NAE, by Greenville College.

Bishop Leslie R. Marston, of the Free Methodist Church, a former president of the NAE and once president of the College, presented Mr. Ford to receive the degree. In his citation Dr. Marston said, in part:

In 1951 Mr. Ford was made director of the Northwest Region of the National Association of Evangelicals, with headquarters at Portland, Oregon. His success in this relationship was outstanding and he developed a vigorous Korean relief program, drawing upon the churches of his region and beyond. In 1953 he visited Korea, quickening interest in Korean relief.

While he was regional director of the Northwest, he was asked by the Executive Commission of the Free Methodist Church to accept an important headquarters executive position, but at that time he felt that he had served too short a period with NAE to terminate his relationship therewith.

Early in 1954 he was transferred to the Southwest regional office of NAE, but almost immediately was called to the national headquarters to assume general direction of its great program. He has served the national office more than two years, first as associate director and now as executive director; and again, as in his regional ministry, his service has been distinctive.

Seldom has a man in a difficult interdenominational position been able so completely to enlist the loyalty and cooperation of all participating groups and persons. He has successfully promoted harmony both in the movement and within the official personnel, and he has turned the direction of the organization's financial affairs definitely upward. He has succeeded in all areas of a large and difficult field.

He is a man of ideas with unusual facility in expressing them. He makes a lucid, pleasing and most effective public presentation of the cause he represents. He has demonstrated a grasp of complex problems and commands deep respect for his ability in dealing with them.

We join with evangelicals everywhere in congratulating Dr. Ford and Greenville College on this recognition of true worth. Our executive director is at the center of the most significant evangelical inter-church movement of our day. May God continue to bless him richly!

Potpourri

The United States of Europe is soon to be set up. An Action Committee has preliminary plans drawn. Six nations are involved: France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands. Is this another shadow to forewarn us that the end of the age may be drawing near? . . . . *Dr. Ellis H. Dana,* executive vice president of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, is disturbed over the compromising attitudes of the National Council of Churches toward the Roman Catholic Church. He says the NCC's Department of Religious Liberty has become a vehicle for study and research and a graveyard for united Protestant action . . .

Spain Withholds Passport

It appears that the Spanish government intends to refuse a passport to a Protestant minister who wishes to attend the conference of the World Evangelical Fellowship. The application for a passport was submitted by Rev. Jose M. Martinez of Barcelona, who was appointed as the Spanish representative to the conference by the Spanish Evangelical Alliance.

The WEF Conference is to be held in Barrington, Rhode Island late next month. Mr. Martinez is secretary of the Spanish organization. Last year Spanish authorities refused passports to two Baptist ministers who had hoped to attend the assembly of the Baptist World Alliance in London. There is growing evidence that the Spanish government intends to prohibit all Protestant ministers from leaving the country to attend religious gatherings.

Secretary Martinez applied for his passport more than six months ago. Subsequently when an inquiry was made in Madrid, it was stated that Spanish government officials had been ordered to refuse passports to Protestant ministers.

In March the NAE Secretary of Public Affairs, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, took the matter up with Spain's Ambassador in Washington, Dr. Jose Maria Areilza. Three months later, on June 14th, the Ambassador claimed to have no further information with regard to the disposition of his government in this passport matter.

The Spanish policy of not issuing passports to Protestant ministers is in sharp contrast to US policy, which has been given attentive consideration by the House Un-American Activities Committee in recent weeks.

US Passports

The House Un-American Activities Committee has been building up a file of information on the use of US passports to travel to communist meetings in various parts of the world. In this connection the committee has heard testimony from a number of witnesses, most of them "hostile." Most of these hostile witnesses refused information on their communist connections by invoking the fifth amendment.

One witness, the leader of a communist group in Brooklyn, New York was faced with evidence that he had made a broadcast over Radio Peiping, in which he had accused American forces of using "germ warfare." He also accused American GI's of horrible atrocities against children and mothers in North Korea. When faced with these accusations he declined comment on the grounds of the fifth amendment. He had traveled to Peiping on an American passport which had not been validated for such travel.

Most widely known of the witnesses to take the stand on this issue was singer Paul Robeson. As he faced the committee he was bitter in attitude, threatening and insulting in his use of words. He wound up by telling the committee that it was "unpatriotic and un-American." Thereupon the Chairman, Rep. Walter of Pennsylvania, adjourned the committee, and the committee members immediately

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agreed to recommend that Robeson be cited for contempt.

Both the committee and the courts have been working toward a clarification of the grounds upon which the Passport Office may refuse passports to persons who intend to be in attendance at communist meetings and congresses, advocating the overthrow of the constitutional government of the United States.

Disarmament Policy

Governor Harold Stassen, special assistant to the President on disarmament, has promised to "take under advisement" the suggestion that the executive branch of government hold a White House conference on disarmament. Mr. Stassen received this suggestion at a briefing on disarmament which his staff provided for representatives of national organizations. The briefing took place in Washington on June 4th.

The disarmament briefing session was attended heavily by representatives of the so-called "peace organizations." Many of these organizations have advocated complete disarmament in the US in advance of international agreements on disarmament.

In contrast to a program of complete disarmament, Mr. Stassen stated that the possibility of "safeguarded semi-disarmament" should be given most careful study. He affirmed that the US is presently thinking in terms of reduction, not in terms of total disarmament.

When asked if he was encouraged by the London conference on disarmament which ended early in May, Mr. Stassen assured that he would "rate it on the plus side."

The suggestion of a White House conference on the subject of disarmament raises some serious questions in the minds of some observers in Washington. Can the average layman, without secret defense information at his disposal, make a fully reliable assessment of the various factors in disarmament policy? To what extent can the layman judge the good faith of enemy powers on disarmament matters? These and many other considerations would make the value of such a conference dubious, to say the least.

State Department Security

There are few areas of government which need closer security provisions than the US Department of State. It is known that during the Eisenhower administration the security files of all State Department employees have been re-checked. In spite of this there are reliable observers in Washington who feel that the problem of "pinks" in the government has not yet been adequately cared for.

Take, for instance, the testimony which Congressman Judd of Minnesota gave before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. He told of the following conversation with a State Department official which took place about inauguration day 1953:

"Well, we were kind of worried when there was a change down here, but we have things under control," the official said.

"What do you mean?" the Congressman asked.

"Well, we are going to give Mr. Dulles the Jimmy Byrnes treatment."

"What is that?" the Congressman queried.

"Keep the Secretary of State out of the country." Then he added, "Look at Jimmy Byrnes. He came in and we took Byrnes and Connolly and Vandenberg and sent them to Paris for six months. They were there while the postwar pattern of appeasement was being established."

It is interesting to note that Mr. Dulles is the most widely traveled Secretary of State in history.

Mr. Judd indicated in his testimony that he does not think these people are necessarily out-and-out communists. But he does feel that they must have some kind of sympathy for the communist cause. He stated his views as follows:

"I don't mean pro-communists in the sense that they are still in the Party, but they advocate policies that work out to the good of the Party. On the law of averages, a moron once in a while would make a decision that would be favorable to the United States."

There is considerable feeling in Washington that there is grave danger of the nation dozing while communist sympathizers continue to advocate policies which are not in the national interest.

Status in the Sudan

The missionary enterprise in the Sudan has unwillingly been thrown into the crosscurrents of political tension which exist in that young nation, according to missionaries making on-the-spot observations.

After the insurrections which took place last summer, the missions were accused of producing irresponsible students not committed to the unity and peace of the Sudan. These accusations were evidently based on the involvement of a few nominal Christians in the hostilities.

There has been continual friction between the primarily Northern Muslim administration and the missions, which has not eased greatly since the period of marked violence has passed. Meanwhile, there is growing pressure toward a Muslim constitution for the Sudan.

Recently, one government official told the missions that all the schools of South Sudan will be taken over by the government. The Northern curriculum (Muslim) will be used in the Southern schools and Arabic will be-

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EVANGELICAL NEWSFRONT

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—UNITED ACTION—

Freedom Is "Must" in Community Planning

CHICAGO.—Freedom of choice must be provided in the location of churches in new communities, stated Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, in a letter to the American Institute of Planners. The Commission on Evangelism and Church Extension of the National Association of Evangelicals, in which authorized the statement commended the American Institute of Planners for its interest in church planning as it relates to overall community development.

Meeting in Chicago the Commission expressed "their appreciation and that of more than ten million evangelical Christians served through the National Association of Evangelicals for the concern of the American Institute of Planners for the provision of adequate churching of both new and re-developed communities, and for the interest of its members in the relationship of churches to the overall planning of communities. The Commission was especially grateful for the desire of the planners manifested at the meeting of the AIP in Providence, Rhode Island, May 9, toward maintaining freedom of choice in providing churches in both new and existing communities.

"The Commission is aware of the many problems confronting planners in this connection and pledge their cooperation in helping to establish adequate standards in regard to overall community planning."

Commenting upon situations where the designation of church locations is controlled by local councils of churches, the Commission stated, "We do want to go on record in our position that freedom of choice must be provided in the location of churches since no individual organization can properly represent all Protestantism. We would like to encourage some provision for inter-faith consultation with planners for the purpose of creative planning so that communities will have adequate provision for the services that churches provide."

The National Association of Evangelicals has participated the last two years in meetings of the American Institute of Planners designed to bring planners and churchmen together for the solution of mutual problems.

—EDUCATION—

New Science Building for John Brown University

SILOAM SPRINGS, Ark.—Ground was broken recently for a new science building on the John Brown University campus.

The first spade of earth turned in the ceremony was moved by Dr. Law Sone, president of Texas Wesleyan College of Fort Worth. Others participating in the ceremony were JBU President John E. Brown, Jr., Governor Raymond Gary of Oklahoma who delivered the 1956 commencement address, Governor Orval Faubus of Arkansas, Dr. Lovick P. Law, Irvington, Va., and Dr. Robert S. Scales, Oklahoma City.

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Northwestern College In Consolidation Move

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Dr. Richard A. Elvee, president of Northwestern College has announced the consolidation of Northwestern's Bible College and its College of Liberal Arts into one Christ-centered Christian College, effective this fall.

A strong Bible emphasis will be maintained with every student taking 16 credit hours of Bible and 6 credit hours of missions.

The faculty includes: Dr. G. Douglas Young, Dean of Education; Dr. J. Edwin Hartill, Dean of Student Affairs and Bible professor; Dr. Edward Simpson, chairman, division of Bible and Philosophy; Dr. Frances Simpson, chairman, Christian Education division; William Bernsten, chairman, Conservatory of Music; Mark Lee, chairman, division of Speech; and John Dahlin, chairman, division of Social Sciences.

Northwestern College is a four-year interdenominational college offering the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Music. It was founded in 1902 by the late Dr. W. B. Riley as the Northwestern Bible and Missionary Training Institute, with a faculty of seven students and one professor.

Next year an anticipated 500 students will study under 32 teachers in obtaining their higher education with the Christ-centered emphasis Northwestern offers.

Dr. Elvee became president of the college in 1953. Preceding him was Dr. Billy Graham, who became president when the founder, Dr. Riley, died in 1947.

Northwestern will continue to operate its radio network of three Christian radio stations: KTIS AM-FM, Minneapolis; KNWS, Waterloo, Iowa; and KFNW, Fargo, North Dakota. Many of the programs originate in the KTIS studios in Memorial Hall.

Northwestern College alumni are serving in 66 foreign countries and 44 states. Last year its student body represented 20 denominations and came from 6 foreign countries and 30 states.

Bible Presbyterians Are to Expand Covenant College

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The removal next fall of Covenant College from Pasadena, California, to St. Louis, Missouri, has been announced by President Robert G. Rayburn. At the same time the academic program will be expanded to include seminary training.

The new institution, according to Dr. Rayburn, will be under the sponsorship of the Bible Presbyterian Church and "students from other denominations will be very welcome." He also pointed out that "the teaching will be from the standpoint of Presbyterian theology, and will uphold the Bible as God's verbally inspired Word, emphasizing the premillennial teaching of the Scriptures, and will be scholarly, practical and emphasizing the spiritual life."

Along with the relocation and expansion announcement, Dr. Rayburn released information with respect to Covenant's enlarged faculty which has been drawn from three other evangelical institutions.

Among the new Covenant faculty members moving to St. Louis are: Dr. J. Oliver Buswell, Jr., dean of the graduate school, who until recently was president of Shelton College. Other former Shelton College faculty members: Drs. Elmer Smick, Wilbur Wallis and Marian Downey. Dr. Peter Stam, Jr., dean of students, has left a similar position at Faith Theological Seminary. Other former Faith Seminary faculty members: Dr. R. Laird Harris and Profs. John and William Sanderson. Several former faculty members at Highland College, of which Dr. Rayburn was president, have also joined the Covenant College faculty.

—DENOMINATIONS—

New Christian Reformed Headquarters Dedicated

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—A new $375,000 headquarters building for the Christian Reformed Church was dedicated here in the presence of delegates to the denomination's annual synod.

Rev. H. J. Kuiper, editor of *The*

Banner, the Church's official organ, gave the dedicatory address. Rev. Herman Bel of Dorr, Mich., newly-elected synod president, also spoke.

At a business session, Dr. Ralph Danhof, state clerk, reported that more than $220,000 had been collected by Christian Reformed congregations for the relief of tornado victims in the Michigan area.

Nazarene Leaders Set Church Goals

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Establishment of five new churches a week for the next four years was proposed as a goal of the Church of the Nazarene at its 14th quadrennial assembly here.

The denomination's five general superintendents, in their quadrennial address, also recommended that the Church strive for 1,000,000 persons in Sunday school and $14,000,000 for world missions and evangelism in the next four years.

Church membership now stands at 280,000, plus 40,000 in foreign mission fields, and Sunday school enrollment at 606,000.

Some $14,000,000 was raised for all purposes during the quadrennium, the report stated.

A goal of $7,000,000 for overseas missions work in the next four years was announced, $2,000,000 more than the amount given by members of the foreign society since 1952.

Plans for a new $1,600,000 publishing house were announced. Bids on the new building will be asked in August. The plant is expected to be in operation for the start of the Church's 50th anniversary year in 1958.

The new structure will have 160,000 square feet of space, about two and one-half times that of the present plant here. In addition to a composing room, make-up room, pressroom and bindery, there will be offices for editorial workers.

The Nazarene publishing house is considered the largest in the world devoted solely to the publication and distribution of holiness literature. The plant has 200 employees in addition to its editorial staff.

Dr. Paul P. Petticord, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, brought greetings to the Assembly.

Presbyterian Church USA Votes for Merger

PHILADELPHIA—The 168th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA voted unanimously here to merge with the United Presbyterian Church of North America.

Approval of the union followed a lively debate over the name for the new denomination: the United Presbyterian Church in the USA. Some of the commissioners wanted the new body to be known simply as the Presbyterian Church. However, when a vote was called no opposition was registered.

The Assembly set a 1957 benevolence goal of $32,243,661, the highest in the denomination's history. It is $6,474,012 larger than the goal for this year. To realize this goal the 2,700,000 members will have to increase their benevolence giving by 50 per cent over the amount they contributed in 1955. The total giving that year was $16,-350,954. Additional money from other sources raised the amount to $20,361,-740.

David W. Proffitt of Maryville, Tenn., 64-year-old department store owner and a former farmer, was elected moderator. A ruling elder of New Providence Presbyterian church in Maryville, Mr. Proffitt defeated Dr. Edward L. R. Elson of the National Presbyterian church in Washington, D.C., on the first ballot. The vote was 474 to 323. Dr. Elson is pastor of the church that President Eisenhower attends.

Lutheran Free Church May Reconsider Merger

FARGO, N.D.—(RNS)—The Lutheran Free Church will decide at its 1957 meeting whether to reopen union negotiations with three other Lutheran bodies. This action, taken by a 206-67 vote at its annual conference here, was a victory for pro-merger forces in the Church. The pro-merger group withdrew an earlier proposal calling on the denomination to resume negotiations "immediately" with the American Lutheran Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Members of the Free Church contributed $2,708,747 to local expenses and benevolences of their congregations in 1955—an increase of $607,721, or 28.8 per cent over 1954.

The Church's baptized membership increased by 3,479 in 1955 for a total of 72,252.

Evangelical Free Church Reports Record Increase

WINONA LAKE, Ind.—(RNS)—Record gains were made last year by the Evangelical Free Church of America, it was reported at its annual conference here.

Dr. Arnold T. Olson of Minneapolis, the Church's president, said that 38 new congregations were started last year bringing the total number of churches in the denomination to 390.

Annual membership, he said, had increased by eight per cent to a total of 26,052.

Giving through local congregations for the denomination's missionary and benevolence program during the year amounted to $4,046,986 or an average of $155.34 per member.

Dr. Olson said that ten new missionaries were commissioned last year.

Presented at the conference was a "Blueprint for Progress" by the Jubilee Commission in preparation for the Church's 75th Anniversary in 1959. The program sets a number of goals to be achieved by that time.

Among them are 7,500 new members, 75 new congregations, 75 additional missionaries, an increase of 75 seminary students, 7,500 new subscribers to the official denominational paper, the *Evangelical Beacon and Evangelist*, and 75 more Sunday schools, youth groups, and women's missionary societies. The program also calls for a Jubilee Fund of $800,000.

Assemblies May Reopen Work in Soviet Russia

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—The foreign missions department of the Assemblies of God has received the first report on operation of its program in Russia since communications were cut off in 1928. When contact was lost in the late twenties, the Assemblies of God had a large organization in the Soviet Union estimated at between 300,000 and 500,000 members.

Church circles in Russia had been silent on what happened to the group of Assemblies of God members until this week. Members of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists, visiting in the USA, told a representative of the Assemblies of God in Chicago that the Pentecostal groups united with the Baptists some years ago. While definite whereabouts of Russian ministers of the Assemblies of God was not established, it was believed that some may have disappeared behind the iron curtain surrounding Siberia.

Jakov Zhidkov, president of the All-Union Council, told the Assemblies of God agent there was no reason why a representative might not visit Russia to personally see operation of the evangelical church. While no official decision has been reached, pending a closer study of the report from Russia, it is believed the national headquarters of the Assemblies of God will investigate the possibilities of sending a representative to Russia.

General Conference Baptists See Gains

CHICAGO.—The Baptist General Conference of America, in one of the best-attended annual conferences in its 77-year history, meeting June 27-July 1 at Waukegan, Ill., welcomed twenty-six new member churches, bringing its total to 451 churches with approximately 58,000 members and a Sunday school membership of approximately 75,000, Secretary William C. Tapper announced.

The Conference appointed new missionaries (it has work in Alaska, Canada, Ethiopia, India, Japan, Mexico, Philippines, the US and South America), and launched a "United Mission for Christ."

Reformed Church Reports Growth in Its Membership

HOLLAND, Mich.—(RNS)—Members of the 831 congregations of the Reformed Church in America gave a record total of more than $18,000,000 in 1955.

The figure was reported to the 150th annual session of the denomination's General Synod here by Dr. Daniel Y. Brink of Scotia, N.Y., retiring president.

During the year, he said, communicant membership rose to a new high of 208,000. Sunday school enrolment reached a total of 149,000.

Some $4,000,000 of the total contributions, Dr. Brink said, was for the church's program of missions and Christian education.

Dr. George H. Mennenga, dean of Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Mich., was elected president of the General Synod to succeed Dr. Brink. The Rev. Howard Schade of Nyack, N.Y., was chosen vice-president.

Appointment of a special committee to study "the possibility and desirability of an authorized and represen-

tative radio outlet" for the Church was voted.

Temple Time, a weekly program coming out of Grand Rapids, Mich., with Dr. Henry Bast as preacher, is sustained by the churches of the Particular Synods of Michigan, Chicago and Iowa, but does not as yet have General Synod endorsement.

United Presbyterian 98th Assembly Votes Merger

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—(RNS)—By a vote of 189 to 64, the 98th General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America voted to merge with the Presbyterian Church in the USA.

The "plan of union" was carried by 20 votes more than the required two-thirds majority. It now goes to the denomination's presbyteries for balloting. At least two-thirds of them must approve.

The merger was unanimously endorsed in May by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the USA but is still subject to a vote of that denomination's presbyteries.

If the union plan is finally approved by both denominations, the two churches will unite in a combined General Assembly tentatively scheduled for May, 1958, in Pittsburgh.

Under the merger proposal, the new denomination would be called the United Presbyterian Church in the USA. It will have about 3,000,000 members, 9,000 congregations and 10,000 ordained ministers.

Dr. Robert W. Gibson, president of Monmouth (Ill.) College, was unanimously elected moderator. He succeeds Rev. George A. Long of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Missouri Synod Seeks Unity, But on Doctrine

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, voted again not to become a member of the Lutheran World Federation or to enter union negotiations with other American Lutheran bodies, until there is agreement over fundamental Christian doctrine.

Participating in the ten-day triennial convention were 704 voting and 352 advisory delegates.

Five days before the convention was called to order by John W. Behnken, church president, convention committees on seminaries and colleges, missions, intersynodical and doctrinal matters, parish education and nominations started work.

Convention sessions were held in the theater section of St. Paul Civic Auditorium.

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, has 2,191,403 baptized members. Illinois has the most, followed by Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Missouri. In proportion to population, the Synod is strongest in Nebraska, followed by Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota. The Synod is the only Lutheran body to have congregations in each of the 48 states.

Wesleyan Methodist May Move Camp Site

ABERDEEN, S. D.—The annual business meeting of the Dakota Conference Wesleyan Methodist Church (composed of the states of North and South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming) was held here.

About 120 ministerial and lay delegates attended the conference, in addition to about 100 more delegates attending the simultaneous conferences of the Woman's Missionary Society and the Wesleyan Youth. Rev. J. F. Simpson, of Rapid City, was re-elected president of the conference for his twenty-fifth term.

One of the outstanding developments of the conference was the action to investigate the possibility of moving the location of its camp meeting site from Aberdeen to Rapid City, S.D. The church body owns a beautiful sixty acre property in the Black Hills which is being developed for camp meeting purposes.

RADIO - TV

HOXO, Panama City Gets Power Increase

PANAMA, R. P.—A jump in power from 500 watts to 5000 watts was assured for missionary radio station HOXO in Panama City when its board of directors at a recent meeting approved the purchase of a two-acre transmitter site on the city's outskirts. Construction of the 5-kilowatt transmitter is already underway, according to Station Manager, Art Zylstra, and HOXO will soon be reaching greater Panama City's quarter-million population with a strong signal if funds continue to become available without interruption to the advance program.

Zylstra presided over the sessions of the Intermission Board in which directors named by HOXO's two sponsoring missions participated. Abe Vanderpuy, of Quito, Ecuador, together with Zylstra represented the World Radio Missionary Fellowship, Inc., and Kenneth Strachan and Dayton Roberts, the Latin American Mission, San Jose, Costa Rica. The directors approved a $16,000 advance program budget, of which $5,417.00 has already been contributed by an anonymous donor.

On the air with the Gospel since 1949, HOXO, The Voice of the Isthmus, now broadcasts seventeen hours a day with a split schedule of English and Spanish programs to reach the large West Indian, Canal Zone and Panamanian listening audience in greater Panama City. The station has enjoyed the cordial backing of local Christian groups and serves as a unifying agency and rallying point for interdenominational activities.

Mennonites Sponsor "Navajo Bible Hour"

GALLUP, N. M.—Sponsors of The Mennonite Hour launched a Navajo-language religious program over Radio Station KGAK here, the first of its kind in the country.

Henry Bainbridge, a Navajo Christian, is serving as announcer for the weekly "Navajo Bible Hour." An estimated 2,000 Navajo families now have battery-operated radio sets.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

California Supreme Court Upholds Tax Exemption

SAN FRANCISCO —(RNS)— The California Supreme Court, in a 4-3 decision, upheld a law approved by the people which granted tax exemption to non-profit elementary and high schools.

Such schools are within the meaning of "charitable purposes" in the state constitution, the court held, and the First Amendment to the federal constitution requiring separation of Church and State does not prohibit tax exemption for religious groups generally.

An exemption for educational property, the court said, "may validly be applied to school property owned and operated by religious organizations."

Tax exemption for non-profit private schools below the collegiate level was approved by the state legislature in 1951 and endorsed by the voters at a referendum in 1952.

Released-Time Is Legal in Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS—Attorney General Edwin K. Steers ruled here that the released-time religious instruction program does not violate the constitution.

A 1943 state law permits school officials to release pupils for as much as two hours a week of religious training in churches. But Wilbur Young, state superintendent of public instruction, said a 1948 Indiana attorney general's opinion had left some doubt as to the constitutionality of the law.

Mr. Young sought a new opinion on the program at the request of Weekday Religious Education, a Marion County Protestant organization.

Report 59 Per Cent of Arrests Due to Liquor

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Offenses related to alcoholic beverages caused 59 per cent of all arrests in the United States last year, the Methodist Board of Temperance said here.

Citing crime statistics compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the board said reports from police in 1,477 cities with a population of 2,500 or more indicated there were 772,943 arrests for drunkenness, 193,119 for disorderly conduct, 96,165 for driving while intoxicated, and 37,028 for violation of state or federal liquor laws.

These arrests totalled 1,099,255 out of the overall 1,861,764 made by the police departments during the year, the Methodist group declared. It said liquor figured in nearly all the arrests for disorderly conduct.

MISSIONS

Pierce Is Bringing Orphans From Korea

TOKYO—Dr. Robert Pierce, Seattle, Wash., co-founder of the Youth for Christ movement, is bringing sixteen Korean orphans to foster homes in the USA.

They are believed to be the largest single group of Korean orphans to go to America with homes already waiting for them. One of them, three-year-

old Lee En Ai, will be adopted by cowboy movie star Roy Rogers and his wife, Dale Evans.

World-Vision Inc. of Portland, Ore., a "church-centered evangelical" organization, arranged the transfer of the orphans.

TEAM Contributions Top Two Million for Missions

WHEATON, Ill.—More than two million dollars were invested in the missionary work of The Evangelical Alliance Mission last year, general director David H. Johnson revealed in his report during the Mission's annual conference June 12-17 at Wheaton, Ill.

Total funds received for the use of its 721 active missionaries on 16 fields was $2,143,225.

Three hundred fifty people registered for TEAM'S 66th annual conference at the Wheaton Evangelical Free Church.

One hundred forty-four missionaries on furlough from 14 fields and 69 missionary candidates participated in the conference.

Dr. Johnson also reported that 49 new missionaries were sent to nine fields during the Mission's past fiscal year. Eleven went to Korea, the field receiving the largest number. Others went to South America, Pakistan, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, New Guinea, Japan, and Formosa.

Seventy-three missionaries returned to their fields after furlough.

Major projects initiated by TEAM missionaries last year included the construction of a long-wave radio station in Korea and the acquiring of an established orphanage in Beirut, Lebanon.

Visiting speakers during the conference included Dr. Willard M. Aldrich, Dr. J. Allen Blair, Arley L. Bragg, Dr. Sidney Correll, Dr. V. Raymond Edman, Wendell P. Loveless, and Dr. John R. Rice.

Scripture Distribution Nearing a Half Billion

NEW YORK.—The American Bible Society expects to distribute its half-billionth volume of Scriptures sometime next spring, it was reported at its 140th annual meeting here.

To date, the report said, 481,149,365 Scriptures have been distributed by the society since its formation in 1816.

During 1955, a total of 14,918,353 volumes were circulated at home and abroad—the fourth largest output in the society's history.

Distribution in the United States last year totaled 8,838,380 volumes, including 554,843 whole Bibles, 894,873 Testaments, and 7,388,664 Bible portions.

Foreign distribution was 6,079,973 volumes, including 353,157 whole Bibles, 705,617 Testaments and 4,888,665 Bible portions.

During the year, the society received $1,879,061 from living donors. The amount included $804,998 from 50 supporting denominations, $1,039,273 from individuals and the rest from miscellaneous gifts. Over a ten-year period, these receipts have averaged $1,850,225 annually.

Circulation of Scriptures in Latin America exceeded all past years by rising to 3,540,770 volumes, with the demand still outstripping the supply. This was an increase of 194,000 volumes over 1954.

Bible Memory Group Is Formed in Japan

TOKYO, Japan.—(E/P)—Japanese children and adults are busy memorizing Bible verses outlined by the American Bible Memory Association. The number of individuals participating in the memory work has increased to the point where, according to Dr. N. A. Woychug, founder and director of BMA, a regional council has been set up in Tokyo.

The regional council will be headed by U. S. Missionary Fred Jarvis of The Evangelical Alliance Mission.

BMA reports that some 10,000 persons in 46 states, nine provinces of Canada and several foreign countries are enrolled in the current program. Various awards, including free periods at Bible camps, are offered as incentives to more effective memorization of Scripture portions.

Evangelicals Form New Latin American Literature Group

WHEATON, Ill.—A new Spanish-language Christian literature organization was formed at a meeting in Placetas, Cuba, attended by more than 100 delegates from the United States, South America and Canada. It will be known as Literatura Evangelica para America Latina (LEAL).

The formation of LEAL was announced here by Evangelical Literature Overseas, one of the groups represented at the Cuba conference.

The announcement said that LEAL will be the only organization of its kind in Latin America. It comprises publishers, booksellers and church and mission groups.

Among the projects planned by LEAL are a news syndicate for Spanish evangelical magazines, distribution services and a series of training workshops in journalism, colportage work, bookstore management and advertising.

LEAL also expects to publish soon a Spanish language magazine for South America, to be called *Vida*. Named as editor-in-chief was Alejandro Clifford, Argentine journalist and university professor.

To Print Bibles for Russia's Protestants

LONDON — (RNS) — Preparations are under way in Russia to print Bibles for Protestant churches there, it was reported at the annual meeting here of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Dr. William J. Platt, general secretary, said the Bibles would be printed from plates sent to Russia by the society.

He said that a cable received from Moscow reported the arrival of the plates there and the start of publication plans.

Dr. Platt added that the Russian Embassy here had accepted the plates for shipment to Moscow without charge to the society.

PARISH

Church's Missions Promise Is Fulfilled in Convention

DENVER, Colo.—Rev. Charles E. Blair and the congregation of Denver's Calvary Temple saw the fulfillment of years of planning and work at the conclusion of their first missionary convention recently, with Dr. Oswald J. Smith, missionary statesman and pastor of the Peoples Church in Toronto, Canada, as speaker. A total of $70,000 was promised for missions during the coming year.

Calvary Temple recently completed an $800,000 building program. At the beginning of the building project the pastor and his congregation agreed and promised God that all money above operating expenses would go to world missions when the new building was completed.

Pastor Blair came to Denver eight years ago to serve a congregation of about one hundred people. Calvary Temple, formerly known as Central Assembly of God, has grown to a membership of one thousand and a Sunday School that averages over 1,000.

The new Temple seats 2,189 and is filled to capacity on Sundays. Over 4,500 people attended the two worship services on Easter Sunday this year and 2,986 were in Sunday School.

Alcoholic Fellowship Seeks to Aid Victims

LOS ANGELES.—Temple Baptist Church, here has launched a Christian Alcoholic Fellowship. Of the 65 million Americans who drink occasionally, 4 million are already problem drinkers and 750,000 chronic alcoholics. There are 50 per cent more uncontrollable drinkers in the nation than victims of tuberculosis. The Men's Council of Temple felt constrained to do something about this national menace that is the source of more crime, broken homes, wasted lives and traffic tragedies than any other single factor.

Temple's Christian Alcoholic Fellowship is "dedicated to the restoration of alcoholics to their rightful place in society by the life-giving grace of God through His Son Jesus Christ." Activities include weekly fellowship meetings. Dr. J. Lester Harnish is the pastor.

WORLD-WIDE

Italian Court Upholds Protestant Propaganda

ROME—(RNS)—The right of Protestants in Italy to carry on religious propaganda was implicitly affirmed in the first decision handed down here by the newly-established Constitutional Court.

The court ruled as constitutionally invalid Article 113 of the 1931 police laws which prohibited the public distribution of leaflets without prior police authorization.

It based its decision on Article 21 of the 1948 Constitution which states that "everyone has the right freely to manifest his thought with words, in writing, or any other means of propaganda."

The court's ruling resulted from an appeal against the police brought by a group of Italian citizens in no way connected with any of the Protestant churches.

However, Prof. Giorgio Peyrot, chief of the legal department of the Federal Council of Italian Evangelical Churches, said that the decision represented a comprehensive rejection of the validity of the police law. He said it means that Protestant propaganda would "meet no further obstacles."

He added that the decision also would affect a case involving the Rev. Cline R. Paden of Brownsfield, Texas, a Churches of Christ missionary, who was ordered jailed for ten days and fined 3,000 lire ($5) for putting up an identification sign on his church in Rome without police permission.

Soviet Russia Still Attacking Religion

WASHINGTON, D. C.—USIA reported today that the Soviet radio has renewed its attack on religion after several months of comparative silence on the subject.

Radio Minsk, in a Byelorussian broadcast on May 30, declared flatly that the number one task of schools in a communist country is to teach children to become atheists and "irreconcilably hostile" to all forms of religion.

USIA said that the unidentified speaker on the communist home radio described religion as "a special type of intoxicating spiritual liquor." He added that "the most important tasks of the schools in the communist upbringing of youth are: atheistic education, the forming in the minds of pupils of the materialistic world outlook, and irreconcilability toward any manifestation of bourgeois ideology, including such a harmful remnant of the past as religion. . . The only attitude of Soviet schools toward religion is one of irreconcilable hostility."

Graham Russian Crusade Unlikely

SAN FRANCISCO—Obstacles to a Russian visit by Evangelist Billy Graham are almost insurmountable, the leader of a visiting delegation of Soviet Baptists said here.

Dr. Jakob Zhidkov said he met Mr. Graham in London last year and discussed the matter of his touring Russia, but no decision was made.

When pressed by reporters he explained that there are no suitable auditoriums in Russia for such a religious crusade. "The athletic fields," Dr. Zhidkov said in answer to another query, "are in the hands of labor unions. It would take years to get arrangements for the fields," he added.

Dr. Zhidkov is president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians (Baptists).

Baptists to Give Up McMaster University

HAMILTON, Ont., Canada—Officials of McMaster University recently proposed that the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec relinquish control of all divisions of the institution except its divinity school.

As was expected, the recommenda-

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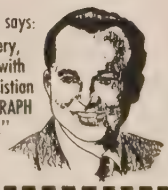

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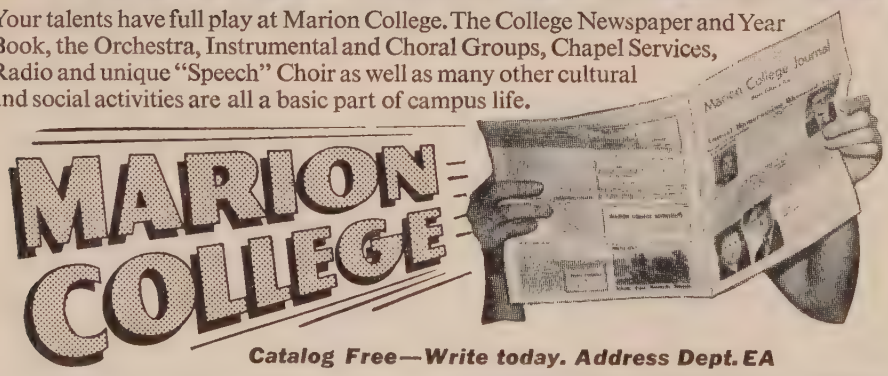

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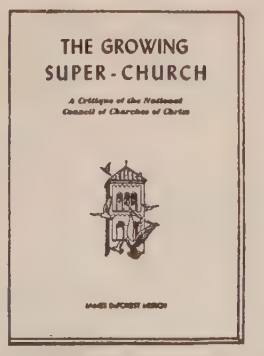

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tion was accepted by the Convention, one of the three components of the Baptist Federation of Canada, at its 68th annual meeting here in mid-June.

McMaster College was founded in the 1830's chiefly as a school for the training of Baptist clergymen but from its earliest days offered general education. Along with scores of evangelical colleges it succumbed to liberal influences and lost the support of thousands of Baptists. The turn to secular status was inevitable.

—CHAPLAINCY—

Protestant Chaplains' Spiritual Life Meets

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Two Spiritual Life conferences for Protestant Air Force personnel and their wives were announced here by Chaplain (Major General) Charles I. Carpenter, Chief of Air Force Chaplains.

They will be held at Estes Park, Colo., July 9-13, and the Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., Aug. 31-Sept. 4.

The theme will be "God Calls You." Prominent Protestant clergymen of several denominations have been invited to participate along with Air Force chaplains. Each program will include Bible study and evening worship services.

This is the fourth year in which such summer conferences have been held and participation has grown steadily, Chaplain Carpenter reported.

YOUTH

Christian Endeavor Youth in Washington

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—Winners in the 1956 Christian Citizenship Award Contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor were honored at a Citizenship Rally in Washington, D.C., on June 30. The speaker at the rally was Dr. Walter H. Judd, Congressman from Minnesota.

Pauline Webster of Braintree, Massachusetts, and Nelda Jean Thomas of Houston, Texas, the two top winners in the Citizenship Contest, received awards of $200 and the trip to the Convocation. A total of $1,000 is being given to contest winners.

—SUNDAY SCHOOL—

CBI Offers Training In Sunday School Work

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—The Assemblies of God Sunday School Department conducted a five-day school in advanced Christian education at Central Bible Institute in Springfield, May 28-June 1.

Offered for the past two years as a training institute for pastors, Sunday School superintendents, and church school workers, the school was enlarged this year to take care of a greater number of students.

A new feature of the 1956 school was a departmental specialization series with a class for each age level.

REFORM

Prevention of Alcoholism Study Conference Theme

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Since 1950 the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism has conducted an Institute of Scientific Studies for the Prevention of Alcoholism each summer at Loma Linda, California. Because of the location of the Institute on the West coast, many in the eastern part of the United States and Canada, although interested in the program, have been unable to attend. Repeated requests have been made for opening a branch of the Institute in the East.

To meet this demand the National Committee, in cooperation with the Methodist Board of Temperance, has voted to launch an eastern section of the Institute to convene on the campus of the American University in Washington, D. C., from July 30 to August 10. Dr. Caradine R. Hooton is chairman of the Board of Directors of this new venture. Dr. Winton H. Beaven, associate secretary of the National Committee for the Prevention of Alcoholism, will serve as director of the Institute.

BENEVOLENCE

"Life-care Hotel" Opens for Service

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—Samarkand, "life-care hotel" for Christians of sixty-five or older, was formally opened here recently. Taking part in the dedication were Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College; R. G. LeTourneau, industrialist; Lionel V. Mayell, builder of cooperatively owned apartment houses; Dr. Henrietta Mears, president of Gospel Light Press and for twenty-seven years head of the Christian Education department of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood; Dr. Clyde M. Narramore, director of Research and Guidance for the Los Angeles County Schools; Leon Sullivan, investment banker of Philadelphia, and Dr. Roger Voskuyl, president of Westmont College.

Samarkand is sponsored by the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Dr. Edman, who prayed, "May Samarkand be a place where God's people will find not only a home but will find that God is the home of the soul." Formerly an expensive resort hotel, Samarkand was purchased by a board, headed by A. Otis Birch, president of Birch Oil Corporation.

PERSONALIA

Dawson Trotman, founder and director of The Navigators, was drowned last month while on vacation. He was Billy Graham's close associate, planned his advance prayer-meetings and his follow-up campaigns. *Time* magazine, in a story of Trotman's remarkable career, said he had probably contacted more people for Christ than any person in his generation.

Ernest Keasling, General Superintendent of Free Methodist Youth, received the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Greenville College at commencement this year.

Theodore C. Murphy, director of publicity and development at Muskingum College, has been elected president of William Jennings Bryan University.

Sanford Fleming, president of Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, was commencement speaker at Simpson Bible College. This was Simpson's twenty-eighth commencement, but its first in its new San Francisco location.

Rene Frank, professor of music at Fort Wayne Bible College, won the honor of being the first person to receive the doctor of music degree in composition from Indiana University.

Torrey M. Johnson will conduct a city-wide evangelistic crusade at Rockford, Ill., July 29 through August 12.

Paul M. Kindschi, secretary of the National Holiness Association, was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Houghton College June 4.

Enock C. Dyrness, registrar of Wheaton College, delivered the commencement address at Buffalo Bible Institute, when twenty-seven graduates received their diplomas.

Lee Lovegren, Conservative Baptist missionary recently released from prison in Communist China, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary recently.

Stanley Tamm, owner of the States Smelting and Refining Company, Lima, Ohio, has promised to turn over all his profits from now on to the missionary program of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College, delivered the commencement address at Grace Bible Institute, when diplomas were given its thirty-two graduates.

Rene Pache, vice-chairman of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students, is spending several months touring university centers of South and Central America in the interest of student evangelism. Dr. Pache is the president of Institute Emmaus, Bible training center at Vennes, Switzerland.

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Paul C. Hartford, director of Youth for Christ activities in the Caribbean and also known as "The Flying Missionary," will lead an air armada of private planes owned and piloted by Christians on a South America flight next August.

Russell T. Hitt, who has served as executive editor of *Eternity* magazine for the last three years, has been named editor, and Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse, founder and editor of the magazine, has been made editor-in-chief.

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Capitol Report

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come the principal language of Southern education.

The Sudan occupies a strategic place in Africa, being a bridge between Muslim North Africa and the rest of the continent.

Some missionaries feel that reports which have frequently appeared in leading evangelical journals have been much too optimistic. New political pressures are carrying the whole country into a position which would be adverse to the interests of Christian missions, they feel.

Accident Study

Intoxication while driving is one of several factors which will be given serious consideration in a traffic accident study which is to be made by a House subcommittee. The announcement of the membership of the five-man subcommittee was made by Chairman J. Percy Priest of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

The subcommittee will try to determine what steps can be taken by the Federal government to reduce traffic accidents. Other factors to be taken into consideration are excessive speed, unsafe vehicles, poor highway conditions, and inadequate traffic laws.

The chairman of the subcommittee, Rep. Kenneth A. Roberts (Dem. Ala.) predicted that the subcommittee would come up with some "definite and constructive suggestions," to the problem which costs nearly 40,000 lives annually.

It has been conservatively estimated that a fourth of all traffic fatalities are due to intoxication.

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Juvenile Delinquency

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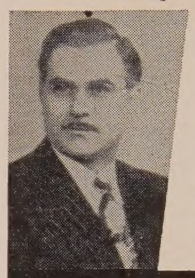
parents and become a ruling element in it.

What responsibility must the Church of Jesus Christ assume toward the erring youth of America? We cannot begin to do any effective work toward their rehabilitation unless we take upon ourselves the burden of guilt because of our negligence.

In the parable of the prodigal son Christ has given us a true picture of the attitude the Church should take toward the lost generation of youth. The divine father love should always keep the church in open-door readiness for



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the return of the delinquent.

The loss of that love in Christ's church is one great cause of juvenile delinquency. It behooves us, therefore, as members of His church, to humbly confess our sin of negligence, and make the guilt of errant youth our own.

God is calling His people to get under that tremendous load of bearing the sins of men, in the Spirit of Him who bore the sin of all nations to Gethsemane and Calvary. By the grace of Him who "was numbered with the transgressors" and "who bare the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors," we must submerge our self-interest in the needs and sufferings of sinful men, and thus as far as God's Spirit leads enter into fellowship of Christ's sufferings, literally taking their place. The icy heart of sinful youth, steeped in sinful hatred, cannot be melted into confession and repentance before God until they experience true Christian love, and are warmed by divine grace.

This love must take many practical forms. We can offer social programs through our Bible classes and young people's societies. We can provide classes in Christian home-building. Cooperation with juvenile court authorities can take the form of "big brother" and "big sister" projects. Mere techniques are not enough but we should be ready to use any and all means which are consistent with our Christian testimony to win and save our youth.

An important factor for the Christian Church to consider is the use of its influence on all fronts to fight the forces of evil. We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against "spiritual wickedness in high places." We need to challenge the evil "powers that be" in television and radio, in the press, in the moving picture theaters, and the recreational field. This may involve making the church's influence felt in social and civic life in the community, in state and national politics.

We who believe in evangelism should utilize it to the full. Men like Billy Graham who are able to stir whole communities for God are His prophets for our day and generation. Let us pray that they may be endued with power from on high, that their voices in the wilderness of sin may reach beyond the Christian Church into unregenerate America and cause an awakening that will turn the nation to righteousness. Possibly a new generation may thus be built that will have no juvenile delinquency problem and a new and better day come to the land we love.

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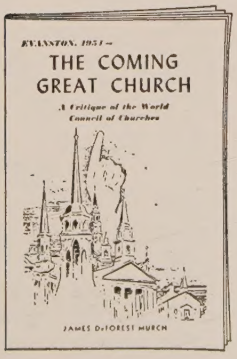

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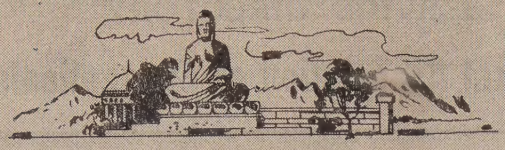

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